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Application of:	Johnson et al.	Group Art No.:	1647
Serial No.:	09/220,617	Atty. Docket No.:	56029-7976
Filed:	12/24/1998		
For:	<i>Persephin and Related Growth Factors</i>	Examiner:	Hayes, Robert Clinton

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RENEWED PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.137

On January 28, 2005, the Office of Petitions mailed Applicant its decision dismissing Applicant's petition to revive the above-identified application. The Office stated that Applicant's response of December 10, 2004 did not place the application into condition for allowance. Specifically, the enclosed Advisory Action raised only one issue: "SEQ ID NO:199 and 201" are nucleotide sequences and not a "persephin polypeptide". Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the Office's decision.

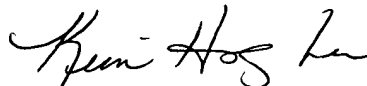
REMARKS

The enclosed reply addresses all of the rejections, objections, and issues raised by the Examiner in his final Office Action. Applicant reviewed its sequence listing as filed with the original application. In the enclosed reply, Applicant has amended claim 1, the only relevant claim with respect to the Examiner's rejection in the recent Advisory Action, to recite "An isolated and purified nucleic acid molecule comprising a nucleotide sequence encoding a persephin polypeptide, wherein the nucleotide sequence comprises SEQ ID NO:199 or SEQ ID NO:201 and wherein said persephin polypeptide promotes survival of mesencephalic neuronal cells."

CONCLUSION

All of the required items for a petition to revive the application have been properly submitted and filed. Applicant, therefore, respectfully requests that the Office reconsider its decision. Prompt and favorable consideration of this Petition is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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